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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7127

BILL NUMBER: SB 294

DATE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Support for Postsecondary Educational Expenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides the following with respect to support orders issued in paternity actions and dissolution of marriage actions: (1) The bill prohibits a court from ordering a parent to pay a child's postsecondary educational expenses in an amount that exceeds the average costs assessed by the institution of higher learning that the child attends or plans to attend. (2) It provides that if the child attends a private institution of higher learning, the court may not order the payment of educational expenses in an amount that exceeds the average costs assessed by a state supported institution offering a course of study similar to the course of study being pursued by the child at the private institution. (3) It also prohibits a court from ordering the payment of postsecondary educational expenses for a child who chooses not to pursue an education at an institution of higher learning at which the child has the opportunity to receive tuition, room, and board at no cost. (4) The bill provides that a parent may, under certain circumstances, petition to terminate an order requiring payment of educational expenses at an institution of higher learning if the child fails to maintain at least a C grade average.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: